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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Filing Date	Jan. 30, 2004
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	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Small Entity	Small Entity
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Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
2	- 20 or HP = 0	x	= 0			
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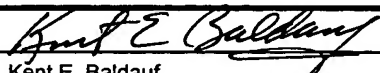
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Applicant : Michael L. Hodak  
Filed : January 30, 2004  
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Art Unit : 1724  
Examiner : Fred G. Prince  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets and annotated copies of the replacement sheets showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 6 of this paper.

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